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Full-dress Talks Opens in Pyongyang between DPRK Red Cross and South Korean Red Cross Societies

The first session of the full-dress talks between the DPRK Red Cross Society and the South Korean Red Cross Society opened August 30 on a grand scale in Pyongyang, the glorious capital of the DPRK, in a stirring atmosphere when the whole land of 3,000 *ri* and the whole nation are aflame with a fresh desire for national reunification after the announcement of the historic north-south joint statement based on the three principles of national reunification of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity, the principles laid down by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

At 10 sharp, Kim Tae Hui, head, Chu Chang Jun, deputy head, and Cho Myong Il, Kung Sang Ho, Li Chong Il, Han Si Hyok and Kim Su Chol, members, of the delegation of the DPRK Red Cross Society; and advisers Yun Gi Bok, Kim Song Ryul, Kang Jang Su, Kim Gil Hyon, Paek Nam Jun, O Gwang Taek and Kim Byong Sik entered the meeting hall.

Representatives of our political parties and social organisations invited under an agreement reached at the preliminary talks followed them.

Also taking their seats were Li Bom Sok, chief delegate, Kim Ryon Ju, alternate chief delegate, and Kim Dal Sul, Pak Son Gyu, Chong Hui Gyong, Chong Ju Nyon and So Yong Hun, members, of the delegation of the South Korean Red Cross Society; and its advisers Kim Jun Yop, Yang Hung Mo, Pak Jun Gyu, Ku Bom Mo, Cho Dok Song, Song Gon Ho and Li Sang Ryol.

Expressing the joy of having the historic opening session of the full-dress talks in Pyongyang, Kim Tae Hui, head of the DPRK Red Cross delegation, solemnly declared the full-dress talks between the DPRK Red Cross Society and the South Korean Red Cross Society open to the entire Korean people and the world peace-loving people.

He addressed the session, making an overall elucidation of his delegation's attitude toward the talks.

Li Bom Sok, chief delegate of the south Korean side, also spoke on the occasion.

Then representatives of political parties and social organizations of our side invited to the session made congratulatory speeches.

Representative of the Workers' Party of Korea Yun Gi Bok, Member of CC of the WPK and Director of its Science and Education Department, said: The opening of the north-south Red Cross full-dress talks in Pyongyang, the glorious capital, is a historic event of weighty significance in the life of the entire Korean people.

Entrusted by the CC of the WPK, he extended warm congratulations to the north-south Red Cross full-dress talks.

The north-south Red Cross talks, which made the first step in north-south dialogue after the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung advanced the new line for peaceful reunification in his August 6 speech last year, has now entered a full-scale stage, he noted, and stressed the great significance of the north and south Red Cross full-dress talks.

He declared:

Our Party which represents the interests of the working people and takes it as the supreme principle in its activities to struggle for the freedom and happiness of the people directs deeper attention than anyone else to the north-south Korea Red Cross talks and sincerely hopes the talks will discharge its lofty mission of mitigating the sufferings of the people separated in the north and the south and laying a stepping-stone for the reunification of the country.

It can be said that the solemn moment has now come for our nation to decide whether it firmly takes the *Juche* stand and correctly solves the question concerning the destiny of the nation or falls into flunkeyism and leaves a history of disgrace to the generations to come.

He quoted the following teaching of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung:

"Historical experience shows that when a person takes to flunkeyism he becomes an idiot, when a nation takes to flunkeyism its country ruins and when a party takes to flunkeyism it makes a mess of the revolution and construction."

He referred to the fact that the Korean Communists, holding high the banner of the *Juche* idea, have led the Korean people to shining victory in their revolution and construction up to this date ever since the days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

Recalling that the Workers' Party of Korea has consistently

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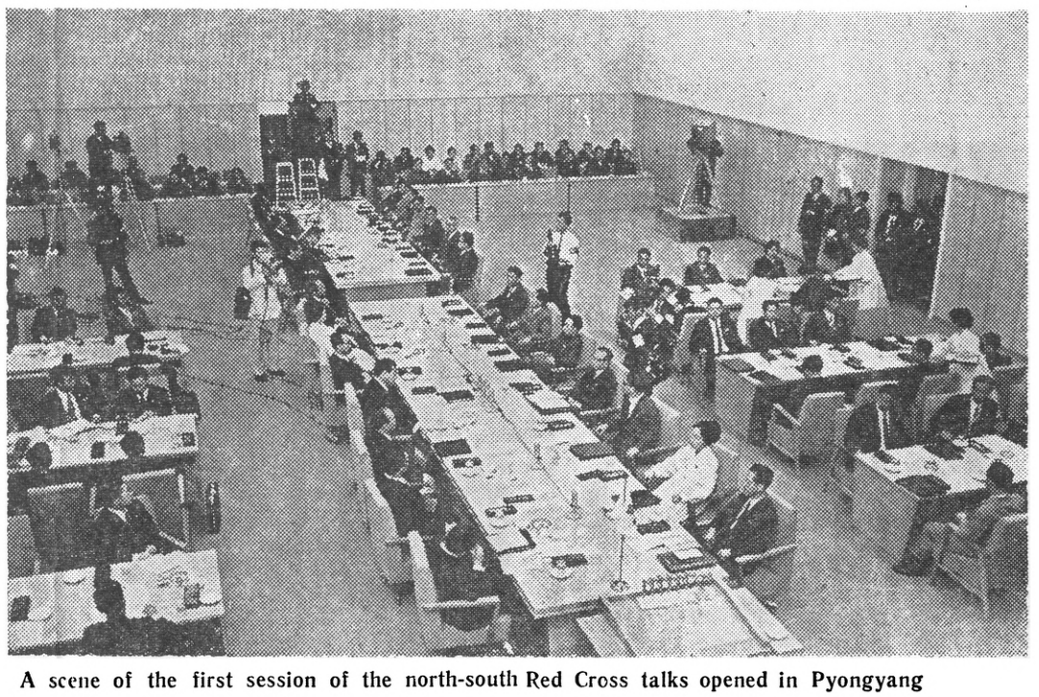


A scene of the first session of the north-south Red Cross talks opened in Pyongyang

CC of DPRK Red Cross Society Makes Public List of Its Delegation to North-South Korea Red Cross Full-dress Talks

The Central Committee of the DPRK Red Cross Society made public on August 14 the list of its delegation to the full-dress talks between the north and south Korean Red Cross societies as follows:

Head of the delegation: **Kim Tae Hui,** Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Deputy head of the delegation: **Chu Chang Jun,** Secretary General of the CC of the DPRK Red Cross Society

Delegate (Spokesman): **Cho Myong Il,** Standing Committee Member, and Director of the Press and Information Department, of the CC of the DPRK Red Cross Society

Delegate: **Kung Sang Ho,** Councillor of the CC of the DPRK Red Cross Society

Delegate: **Li Chong Il,** Standing Committee Member of the CC of the DPRK Red Cross Society

Delegate: **Han Si Hyok,** Director of the Culture and Propaganda Department of the CC of the DPRK Red Cross Society

Delegate: **Kim Su Chol,** Vice-Director of the Organizing and Planning Department of the CC of the DPRK Red Cross Society

The delegation of our side to the historic full-dress talks between the north and south Korean Red Cross societies will bend all its sincere efforts for the sacred cause to alleviate at an early date the sufferings of the compatriots caused by the split and lay a stepping stone for the independent peaceful reunification, guided by the spirit of the north-south joint statement based on the three principles of national reunification set forth by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the humanitarian principles of the Red Cross work.

CC of DPRK Red Cross Society Announces List of Advisers to Attend North-South Korea Red Cross Full-dress Talks

The CC of the DPRK Red Cross Society announced on August 14 the list of advisers of our side to attend the north-south Korea Red Cross full-dress talks.

Follows the list of advisers to the delegation of the DPRK Red Cross Society.

Yun Gi Bok, Member of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Director of the Science and Education Department of the CC of the WPK, Vice-Chairman of the Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Assembly

Kim Song Ryul, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Democratic Party, Deputy to the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, Vice-Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee and Standing Committee Member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland

Kang Jang Su, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chondoist Chongu Party, Member of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland and Professor

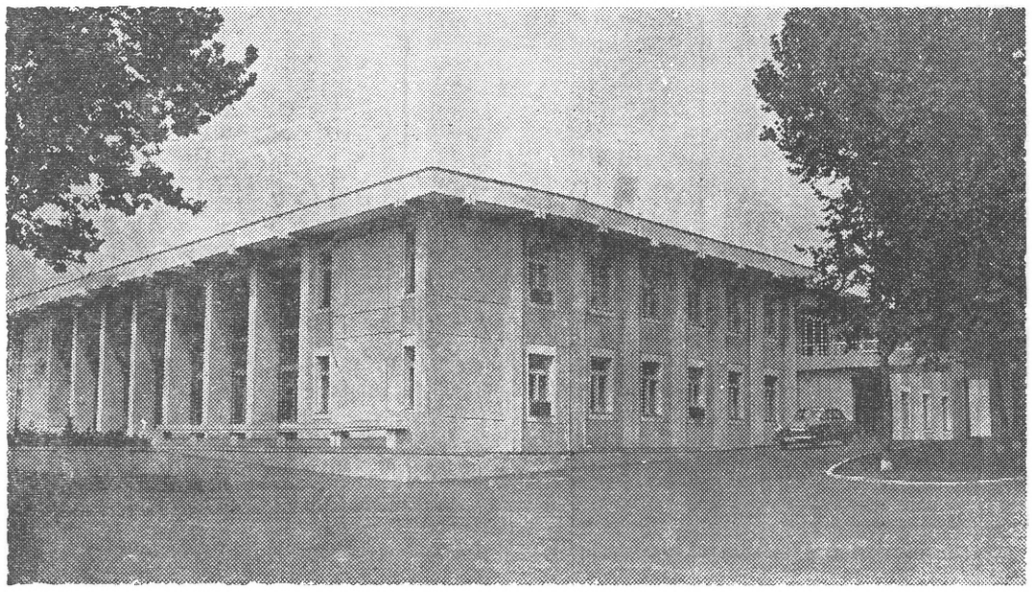
Kim Gil Hyon, Vice-Director of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland, Vice-Chairman of the Korean National Peace Committee and Member of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland

Paek Nam Jun, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, Vice-Chairman of the Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and Standing Committee Member of the Korean National Peace Committee

O Gwang Taek, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea and Vice-Chairman of the Korean Students Committee

Kim Byong Sik, First Vice-Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and Deputy to the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly

The advisers to the delegation of the DPRK Red Cross Society to the full-dress talks will not spare active cooperation, support and encouragement to the work of the Red Cross full-dress talks in accordance with the agreed items of the north-south joint statement based on the three principles of national reunification put forward by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and will creditably discharge their mission, representing the ardent desire of the entire fellow countrymen to dispel the dark clouds of national split hanging over for a quarter of a century and bring earlier the independent peaceful reunification of the fatherland.



The Taedong-gang Hall dedicated to the first session of the north-south Korea Red Cross full-dress talks

Let Us Splendidly Discharge National Duty Imposed upon North and South Korean Red Cross Societies and Lay a Solid Stepping-Stone for National Reunification

Speech by Kim Tae Hui, Head of DPRK Red Cross Delegation, at the First Session of the North-South Red Cross Full-dress Talks (GIST)

Ladies and gentlemen of the delegations,

Dear guests who are present here to congratulate this significant meeting of ours.

Allow me to declare before the entire Korean people and the peace-loving peoples the world over that the first session of the historic full-dress talks between the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the South Korean Red Cross Society is open today in Pyongyang, the capital of our glorious Republic.

The full-dress talks between both sides, which the whole nation has looked forward to with such great expectations and interests, has at last opened today.

We are now greatly delighted and emotion-charged to sit together with the representatives of the South Korean Red Cross Society in Pyongyang for the first time 27 years after the territorial division and national split and open the full-dress talks in an atmosphere of stirring excitement.

The full-dress talks has opened on a grand scale at a time when the whole land of three thousand *ri* is aboil with fresh enthusiasm for reunification after the publication of the historic north-south joint statement manifesting the three principles of national reunification. It is another great joy and jubilee for our people craving for national reunification.

I, in the name of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and of my delegation, would like to warmly congratulate the historic first session of the full-dress talks and heartily welcome, with compatriotic love, the delegates of the South Korean Red Cross Society, its advisers and suites and the members of the press corps who have come to Pyongyang for the talks.

At the same time, I, in the name of the first session of the talks, would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the people in the northern half of the Republic for their material and spiritual assistance to our Red Cross talks and to the personages of political and social circles and the people of all walks of life in south Korea for their active support and encouragement to the talks.

And, allow me to express my deep gratitude to the peace-loving people of the world, international organizations, national Red Cross societies and the newsmen of many foreign countries for giving their active support to our work for the success of the Red Cross talks between both sides and for the independent, peaceful reunification of Korea.

The talks that has opened today between the delegations of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the South Korean Red Cross Society is an epoch-making event that will mark a new turning point in the history of national split, the root cause of great misfortune and calamity that our people have suffered for many years.

As is widely known to the world, the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have time and again put forward fair and just proposals for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country ever since national division and, proceeding from a stand of warm compatriotic love and humanitarianism, made suggestions at every opportunity to take immediate measures for lessening the misfortunes and sufferings of the people as much as possible even before the country is reunified and bent all efforts for their realization.

In response to these fair proposals, the south Korean people of various strata carried out vigorous widespread movements to achieve the country's peaceful reunification. Among the political and public circles of south Korea, too, stronger voices were heard for the independent, peaceful reunification.

Particularly, the historic speech of August 6 of last year expressed our readiness for contact and negotiation with all political parties, social organizations and individual persons of south Korea including the Democratic Republican Party. This epoch-making reunification proposal caused tremendous repercussions among the peoples at home and abroad and opened up a new phase in our people's nation-wide movement for national reunification.

As a result of this broad-minded, active proposal to save the nation, the trend toward peaceful reunification rapidly ripened among the south Korean people, and this paved the way at last for the convocation of the historic preliminary talks between the north and south Ko-

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and firmly adhered to the principle of independence in solving the question of national reunification, he stated: it is self-evident that the question of reunification, an internal affair of our nation, can be solved by no one but Koreans and the tragedy of national split imposed by outside forces cannot be removed by outside forces.

There is no doubt that if the north and the south follow the one road to reunification, they will be able to overcome all sorts of obstacles and successfully fulfil the tasks facing the north-south Red Cross talks and, further, the national task of reunifying the country.

Congratulatory speeches were made also by Kim Tae Sop, Vice-Chairman of CC of the Korean Democratic Party; Han Il Sop, Vice-Chairman of CC of the Chondoist Chongu Party; representative of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) Kim Byong Sik, First Vice-Chairman of its Central Standing Committee; and representatives of the General Federation of Trade Unions, the Union of Agricultural Working People, the League of Socialist Working Youth and the Korean Democratic Women's Union.

They were unanimous in warmly congratulating the opening of the full-dress talks and stressing that the people of all walks of life and political figures of all parties and groupings in the north and south should achieve the great national unity under the banner of the independent, peaceful reunification of the country, irrespective of their political views and affiliations, religious beliefs, property status and past doings.

At the session Chu Chang Jun, deputy head of the delegation of our side, introduced messages which came from different parts of our country and various foreign countries in congratulation of this opening session.

The session adopted a joint agreement on the agenda of the full-dress talks which had been agreed upon and confirmed at the preliminary talks, in accordance with the stand expressed in the speeches of the head of our side and the chief delegate of the south Korean side, the agreement which reflects the firm determination of the Red Cross organizations of the two sides to make all efforts in order to bring the full-dress talks to a success as early as possible in conformity with the spirit of the north-south joint statement in which the three principles of national reunification were clarified.

The agreement was signed by Kim Tae Hui, head of the delegation of the DPRK Red Cross Society and Li Bom Sok, chief of the delegation of the South Korean Red Cross Society.

Kim Jun Yop, adviser of the south Korean side, made a congratulatory speech at the session before its closure.

The first session of the historic full-dress talks, with the realization of free visits and meetings and free correspondence between the families and relatives separated in the north and the south, reunion of families and other important matters as its agenda-items, concluded its work with success.

The opening session proceeded in an atmosphere of warm compatriotic sentiments and great national unity.

Agenda of Full-dress Talks between North and South Korean Red Cross Societies Agreed upon at Its First Session

Both delegations of the north and south Korean Red Cross societies confirmed and agreed upon the following agenda at the first session of the full-dress talks which opened on August 30 in Pyongyang, the glorious capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Follows the full text of the agreement.

1. At the first session of the north-south Red Cross talks which opened in Pyongyang on August 30, 1972, the delegations of the two sides of the north-south Red Cross talks confirm and adopt the following agenda of the north-south Red Cross talks which was adopted at the 20th sitting of the preliminary talks beween the north-south Red Cross societies on June 16, 1972, in Panmunjom:

1) Inquiring the addresses of the family members and relatives dispersed in the north and the south and ascertaining whether they are alive or dead and notifying the results;

2) Free visits and free meetings between the family members and relatives dispersed in the north and the south;

3) Free correspondence between the family members and relatives dispersed in the north and the south;

4) Reunion of the family members dispersed in the north and the south according to their free will;

5) Other matters to be settled from a humanitarian standpoint.

2. The two sides shall make every possible effort to successfully discuss and solve all the problems put on the agenda of the north-south Red Cross talks on the basis of the joint statement of the north and the south, in which the three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity are clarified, and the humanitarian principles of Red Cross and thereby alleviate at an early date the sufferings of our compatriots dispersed in the north and the south and, furthermore, lay a stepping stone for national reunification.

The agreement was signed by Kim Tae Hui, head of the delegation of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Li Bom Sok, chief delegate of the delegation of the South Korean Red Cross Society.

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rean Red Cross societies in September last year.

It is one year since then and there have been some turns and twists. But with the full support and encouragement of all our people we are now able to hold this historic full-dress talks through 25 preliminary meetings, 16 working-level meetings and many contacts.

Indeed, this is the priceless fruit of our nation-wide joint efforts based on *Juche*; it is the victory of the great *Juche* idea.

Fellow delegates,

At present all the Korean people and the peace-loving people the world over are sending warm greetings to the opening of the historic Red Cross talks between both sides here at Pyongyang. They are focusing their attention on our work with great expectations.

Although our agenda items are limited, the Red Cross talks of the two sides are a national affair directly related to the country's peaceful reunification—the highest national aspiration—and accordingly, we are entrusted with a weighty and difficult mission.

With warm compatriotic love and lofty humanitarianism, we should, above all, alleviate the suffering of many families, relatives and friends scattered in the north and the south and should help them materialize their long-cherished aspirations for reunion.

All the items agreed upon at the preliminary talks are the most rational ones based on the national aspirations and the specific realities of our country; they are also the reasonable items that correctly reflect the will of the fellow countrymen dispersed in the north and the south. Therefore, I consider that these agenda items agreed on by both sides at the preliminary talks fully accord with the interests of the nation, and reaffirm that they will be the agenda items at our full-dress talks.

If these items are successfully dealt with and put into effect, it will not only considerably ease our fellow countrymen's suffering caused by national split but also give all our people great joy, indeed.

When the family members and relatives dispersed in the north and the south ascertain each other's safety and addresses, visit and meet each other freely and reunite with each other, our people who are suffering from division will be immeasurably happy.

When they meet after long separation even unrelated persons feel happy as if meeting their own blood and flesh. So, when the dispersed family members and relatives find out each other's addresses and freely visit each other to vent their old thoughts, how great their joy and emotion will be!

We delegates are not only assigned with the task of lessening the suffering of our fellow countrymen scattered in the north and the south. We have another important duty to perform through this lofty humanitarian activity to contribute to clearing up misunderstanding and distrust between the north and the south, creating the atmosphere of national harmony and unity and to hastening the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

It is true that our work is based on the humanitarian idea of Red Cross. But, at the same time, it is a sacred patriotic task designed to put an end to the tragic national division and open up the path to the country's reunification, the supreme national desire, and, in fact, it is an important link in the nation-wide movement for reunification.

Our task is important and difficult. But I do believe that it will be achieved without fail through the conscientious effort and cooperation of both sides and I am optimistic about the prospect of our joint work.

The Korean people are fervently supporting our work as one man and all the honest-minded people the world over are giving us warm encouragement.

The three principles of national reunification agreed upon by north and south Korea and north-south joint statement based on these principles are the solid guarantee for the success of the Red Cross talks.

Particularly, we have the priceless assets accumulated through our talks during the past one year.

Whether the already-attained results can be turned into a sound basis for the success in the work of the full-dress talks, depends entirely on the sincerity and efforts of us delegates of the north and south Korean Red Cross societies, the masters of the full-dress talks.

What is most desirable for us now is to create an atmosphere of mutual understanding and trust.

Therefore, both sides should actively strive to find out not difference but common denominator and attend the talks with an attitude of co-operating with each other.

The sincerity and efforts of the delegates of both sides to the full-dress talks should be expressed in a stand and attitude of tackling the problems in accordance with the spirit of the north-south joint statement in which the three principles of national reunification are elucidated, the principles that the reunification should be achieved independently, without reliance upon outside force or its interference, that it should be realized by peaceful means, without recourse to the use of arms against the other side and that great national unity as one nation should be promoted, first of all, transcending the differences of ideology, ideal and social system.

Korea is one and the Korean nation is also one.

When our resourceful and brave people who love justice and hate injustice are united, there will be no questions which they cannot settle.

We should dispel the dark clouds of tragic division over our nation by the united strength of the whole nation and bring the bright dawn of reunification to this land.

The delegation of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will, as ever, make every sincere effort for good successes in the full-dress talks and do everything in its power to accomplish our worthwhile common cause.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that the delegates of the north and south Korean Red Cross societies, as Red Cross officials of Korea, will contribute to delivering the people from their suffering of division as soon as possible and hastening the day of independent, peaceful national reunification, the greatest, supreme task of the nation, and thereby discharge with credit their heavy and honourable mission given by our time and our nation.